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- As at June 2005, there were 5,370 businesses in Australia involved in the provision of gambling services.
- Total net takings from gambling in Australia in 2004-05 amounted to a total of \$15.459 billion.
- By far the largest proportion of net takings from gambling was derived from poker / electronic gaming machines in clubs, pubs, taverns and bars at 56.3%. This was followed by casinos (16.7%), off-course TAB (13.4%), and lotteries (9.3%).
- Spending on gambling in Australia amounted to \$996 per head of adult population in 2004-05.
- Gambling per head of adult population was highest in the Northern Territory (\$1,250) followed by New South Wales (\$1,196) and Victoria (\$1,134).
- By contrast, Western Australia, where electronic gaming machines are only allowed in the Burswood Casino, had by far the lowest per capita gambling expenditure at just \$490 per head of adult population. Figures for the other states were ACT (\$943), Queensland (\$853), Tasmania (\$821) and South Australia (\$725).
- Total government earnings from gambling and gaming taxes and levies (including the GST) in 2004-05 was \$5.633 billion which represented 36.4% of net takings from gambling.
- In June 2005, there were a total of 199,930 licensed electronic gaming machines in Australia. Each machine had an average net taking of \$46,300.
- In June 2005, there were 76,848 persons employed in the provision of gambling services in Australia.
- Net takings have increased by 2.9% per year on average since 2000-01.
- Online gambling has increased by an average 11.8% per year since 2000-01 and net takings from online gambling in 2004-05 amounted to \$114.3 million or 0.7% of total net takings from gambling.
- In June 2005, there were 13 casinos operating in Australia. They employed 18,347 staff and generated income of \$3.348 billion in 2004-05 of which 77% was from gambling.
- Net takings from on-course and off-course racing have declined rapidly as a percentage of total gambling activity since the growth of casinos. For instance, expenditure of racing in Victoria declined 17.6% within two years of the opening of Crown Casino and it declined 25% in Western Australia within two years of the opening of the Burswood Casino.
- Problem gambling rates are lowest among participants in lotteries and highest among participants in casino gaming tables and electronic poker/gaming machines.

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